

# *Unwarranted Intrusion?*

## *Nope, We Got a Warrant*

By Art Buchwald -

"Knock, knock."

"Who's there?"

"The police."

"The police who?"

"The police with a warrant to go through your files and notes and photos to see if you have any evidence that might help us catch a criminal."

"I don't believe it."

"Oh, you don't, huh? Well, just read the Supreme Court ruling written by

pictures of cops beating up demonstrators."

"Why?"

"Because we want the pictures of the demonstrators. A lot of them got away when we were beating up the ones who didn't."

But people are allowed to demonstrate. It's in the Constitution."

"Tell that to the Supreme Court. After we get through these photos we want every reporter to turn over his notebook. We want to know who he or she talked to and when."

"But that's a fishing expedition. Tell us what you're looking for."

"We must know who told you people that the judge was taking bribes from the mob."

"What judge?"

"The judge who issued this warrant, dummy. Once we find the guy who was singing he'll be held in contempt of court."

"But that judge is part of the political machine in this town."

"That's right, and we want to see everything you have on the machine, and addresses, too."

"What else do you want?"

"You know the bridge that collapsed last week? Somebody told your paper that the contractor had put in cheap cement which made it collapse."

"You want the name of the contractor?"

"No, we want the name of the guy who ratted on the company that built the bridge."

"Why don't you find out for yourselves?"

"We don't have to, when we can come here."

"Knock, knock."

"Who's there?"

"The FBI."

"What do you guys want?"

"What have you got?"

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